

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
Chief Financial Officer



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** June 4, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Government Reports Electronic  
Publication Requirement Amendment Act of 2002"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Legislation as Introduced - Bill Number Not Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 budget and the proposed FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan as currently agreed to by the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Implementing the proposed legislation will not require any additional staff or resources and will not impact local General Fund revenue.

**Background**

The proposed legislation requires the Mayor to maintain a list, sorted by category and made public on the Internet, of all reports that are produced by the government of the District of Columbia. The proposed legislation would become effective on the first day of fiscal year 2003. Excluded from this requirement will be the following:

- Draft documents;
- Unofficial copies of accounting reports;
- Unofficial copies of auditing reports;
- Financial reports;
- Studies; and
- Publications.

Activities required by the provisions of the proposed legislation will be the responsibility of the Secretary of the District of Columbia, Office of Public Records. The Office of

Public Records will coordinate District agencies to insure compliance, promulgate policies, procedures, guidelines and instructions.

The Office of Public Records will maintain and upload an electronic list to the Internet. In refreshing and maintaining the list, the Office of Public Records will need to accommodate the reporting requirement that documents must appear within 30 days of agency transmittal or publication. The Office of the Chief Technology Officer has at this time prepared a web-based site for the purposes required by the provisions of the proposed legislation.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 budget and the proposed FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Implementing the proposed legislation will not require any additional staff or resources. All costs will be absorbed by existing resources of the Executive Offices of the Mayor.